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Sir:

Prior to action in the RCE filed February 25, 2004, please consider the following remarks as to patentability of the claims presented in a Preliminary Amendment filed with the RCE of February 25, 2004. The claims, as amended in the preliminary amendment, are listed below.

In the listed claims below the word "wherein" is used in place of "where" in line 1 of Claim 1; the word "monofilaments" is used in place of "monofilament" in line 2 of Claim 5; and "an" is inserted between "and" and "opening" in line 4 of Claim 10, in order to correct typographical errors found in the claim listing of the Preliminary Amendment.

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